

food to many people in Afghanistan who are suffering, the likes of which we would never want anybody we know or love to suffer.

I talk about this today because we have not had that much focus on it. I will have a resolution tomorrow. I will try to write a piece. I will try to talk about this as much as I can to people in the country. It would be a terrible mistake for our Government, for this administration—and I think we need more clarity from the administration about how we are going to get the food to the people in Afghanistan.

The President has talked about how children have committed money and clothes to the children of Afghanistan. That is fine and good, but the truth is that will not address this humanitarian crisis, nor will the air drops.

We have to make sure the people get the food. If we do not do this the right way, if we do not get this job done, if we do not deliver the food to people there, then there is going to be massive starvation. That is unacceptable. That is unacceptable.

I am quite sure there is no support from the Taliban. They are not helpful. It is a complicated problem, but this should be a first priority of our policy right now when it comes to the United States of America and the role we play in Afghanistan, the role we play in the Near East, the role we play in South Asia, the role we play in the world.

We cannot let innocent people starve to death. We must make every effort to make sure that does not happen, and I think to date we have not made that kind of concerted effort.

The only other thing I want to do, because I know we are about to finish, is to thank the majority leader, the minority leader, the Presiding Officer, and Senators for making sure we continue with our work. It goes down on the record so I will just say it one time.

I am no big deal at all, but I am very lucky to be a Senator from Minnesota. I am a first-generation American. My father fled persecution from Ukraine, Russia. I do not think I can ever remember a day or a period of time when I have been more emotional when I look at the Capitol. I think the work of democracy should proceed. We do not always do it as well as we should, but the work of democracy should proceed. I am glad we are in session today. I am glad we are going to be in session tomorrow. I think it is important we do so.

My hopes and prayers go to all who have been exposed to anthrax. I feel within me people will be all right, but my hopes and prayers go to everyone.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP

Mr. REID. Mr. President, before we go out, I wanted to take a minute. We started the day in the Senate by my talking about Senator DASCHLE, the majority leader, and the difficult situation in which he found himself when a number of his employees tested positive for anthrax.

As the day draws to a close, I want on behalf of the entire Senate to express our appreciation, the Senate's appreciation, for Senator DASCHLE and how he has handled the day. It has been a remarkable period of leadership.

I have been involved in government most all my adult life, but his performance—and I say that in a most positive way—has been just exemplary today in the briefing we held down on the first floor today, with all the Senators, with Senator DASCHLE leading that discussion, with all of the personnel of the Senate there assembled, and his actions in reminding us we are Senators, that we are leaders, and we should act accordingly. Senator DASCHLE has had a lot of fine moments. But that was one of his finest. I am very proud of him. As I say, I speak for the entire Senate regarding how he has handled himself through this very difficult time. He has a burden when he doesn't have anthrax in his office. But pile that on his shoulders and it is a difficult situation.

Like the TOM DASCHLE we all know, he came through with flying colors. I say to my friend, the Presiding Officer, who is Senator DASCHLE's fellow Senator from the State of South Dakota, I am sure I speak for you and every person in South Dakota, when I say how fortunate they are to have this fine man representing them in the Senate.

#### CHANGES TO THE 2002 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ALLOCATION AND BUDGETARY AGGREGATES

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, section 314 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended, requires the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to adjust the budgetary aggregates and the allocation for the Appropriations Committee by the amount of appropriations designated as emergency spending pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. The conference report to H.R. 2217, the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, provides \$400 million in designated emergency funding in 2002 for wildland fire management. That budget authority will result in new outlays in 2002 of \$289 million.

Pursuant to section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act, I hereby revise the 2002 allocation provided to the Senate Appropriations Committee in the concurrent budget resolution in the following amounts.

Pursuant to section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, I hereby revise the 2002 budget aggregates included in the concurrent budget resolution in the following amounts.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to print tables 1 and 2 in the RECORD, which reflect the changes made to the committee's allocation and to the budget aggregates.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

TABLE 1.—REVISED ALLOCATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, 2002  
(In millions of dollars)

	Budget authority	Outlays
Current Allocation:		
General Purpose Discretionary .....	547,091	537,234
Highways .....		28,489
Mass Transit .....		5,275
Conservation .....	1,760	1,232
Mandatory .....	358,567	350,837
Total .....	907,418	923,067
Adjustments:		
General Purpose Discretionary .....	400	289
Highways .....		
Mass Transit .....		
Conservation .....		
Mandatory .....		
Total .....	400	289
Revised Allocation:		
General Purpose Discretionary .....	547,491	537,523
Highways .....		28,489
Mass Transit .....		5,275
Conservation .....	1,760	1,232
Mandatory .....	358,567	350,837
Total .....	907,818	923,356

TABLE 2.—REVISED BUDGET AGGREGATES, 2002  
(In millions of dollars)

	Budget authority	Outlays	Surplus
Current allocation: Budget Resolution .....	1,515,366	1,481,255	187,410
Adjustments: Emergency funds, firefighting .....	400	289	-289
Revised allocation: Budget Resolution .....	1,515,766	1,481,544	187,121

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#### CONFERENCE REPORT FOR H.R. 2904, THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise to offer the Budget Committee's official scoring for the conference report for H.R. 2904, the Military Construction Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

The conference bill provides \$10.5 billion in discretionary budget authority, all classified as defense spending, which will result in new outlays in 2002 of \$2.678 billion. When outlays from prior-year budget authority are taken into account, discretionary outlays for the Senate bill total \$9.19 billion in 2002. The conference report is within the Appropriations Committee's 302(b)